**Criminal activities in Uttaranchal Vihar Colony in Ghaziabad**

612. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the murder of a teenaged girl in the Uttaranchal Vihar Colony, Baheta Hazipur, Ghaziabad on the night of the 10th February, 1996;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of criminals are having their dens in the border areas of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps are being taken by Government in this regard so that the poor Government employees who are living in the Uttaranchal Vihar Colony, may live in security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. K AM SON): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Adjustment of Bills in STD/ISD Booths**

613. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the
STD/ISD booths are adjusting the rate of computer billing in their rating equipments; and

(b) if so, what precautions Government propose to take to prevent the false billing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, whenever complaints of overcharging in PCOs are received or malpractices come to notice during routine or special checks, action is taken as per departmental rules.

(b) Orders have been issued to connect new STD PCOs and convert old PCOs with 16 KHz metering from the exchange. This would eliminate any possibility of false billing, as exchange billing system will send the metering pulses to the STD/ISD booths.

**Agreement between India and European countries**

614. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO;
DR. SHRIKANT
RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high level exchanges held between Indian and European leaders in the area of intensified political dialogue with European countries during the last three years;

(b) what has been the outcome of this;

(c) the number of agreements which have been signed as a result of these dialogues; and

(d) the benefit India has derived out of these?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) 57 high level exchanges were held, between Indian and European leaders in the area of intensified political dialogue during the last three years.

(b) The high level exchanges helped sustain and reorient our traditional relationship' with the European countries. They have resulted in a better appreciation of issues of national concern to India. They have also facilitated adjustments and reinvigoration of ties in the economic, cultural, science and technological areas. New avenues of bilateral cooperation in areas such as combatting organised crime, terrorism, illicit trafficking in narcotics have been forged.

(c) The total number of agreements signed as result of these dialogues are 76.

(d) As a result of the agreements signed and the bilateral discussions held, India has benefited in being better understood in respect of matters of national and international concern to it. The agreements would also lead to enhanced cooperation in various fields, people to people interaction and enhanced cooperation in scientific and technological fields. The details of exchanges held and the agreements signed are in the Annexure *[See Appendix* 176, *Annexure No.* 33]